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Bee Branch Creek Greenway to Open in July

Construction of the Upper Bee Branch Creek, designed with input from a citizen committee, started in June 2015 and is on schedule to be finished this summer. Save the date for the ribbon cutting and opening celebration on Wednesday, July 19. The ceremony will be at 4 p.m. at the amphitheater near Audubon Elementary and a celebration along the greenway will follow from 5 - 7 p.m.

Although it will serve as a beautiful linear park, the restored Bee Branch Creek is an important part of our community's infrastructure to control flooding. During rain events, the creek will rise out of the limestone channel and cover the trail and grass. This is how the creek is designed -- to move stormwater safely through the area without flooding adjacent properties. It is not safe to be near the creek during and after rain events when the water level is high. Please practice safe behavior and do not use the park for recreational activities during these times.

In conjunction with the opening of the Bee Branch Creek Greenway, the City has

recently launched the Bee Branch Watershed Beekeepers Initiative, an initiative focusing on safety, watershed health, and cultivating an appreciation for and a connection to our natural resources. Beekeepers offers educational, recreational, and volunteer opportunities for all ages, and partners with local schools and community groups.



Students at Audubon, Marshall, Fulton, and Prescott schools received Bee Branch Creek safety information this spring. Audubon students also went on a walking tour of the Bee Branch Creek Greenway, during which they learned about creek safety and the wildlife they can expect to see in the park. Future outreach activities include the St. Mark Youth Enrichment Summer Academy and the City's summer playground program. Resources, including stormwater safety rules, helpful videos, and activity sheets for kids are available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/beekeepers or by calling 563-690-6068. §

Stormwater Best Practices Material Assistance Program

Thinking about upgrading your landscaping this summer? The City of Dubuque offers a Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) Material Assistance Program to encourage residents to make improvements on their property to reduce the quantity or improve the quality of stormwater runoff from their site. Typical projects may include rain gardens, bio-swales, permeable pavement systems, and streambank restoration. The City may reimburse up to \$2,000 or 50% of the total material cost, whichever is less. Assistance is for materials only, and all implementation of the project is the responsibility of the property owner. For more information, contact the City of Dubuque Engineering Dept. at 563-589-4202 or email dmattoon@cityofdubuque.org. §



City offices will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Refuse, recycling, and yard waste will be collected on Saturday, July 1.

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Public Works Announcements

Due to the Independence Day holiday on July 4, refuse, yard debris, and curbside recycling will be collected on Saturday, July 1, and should be set out by 6 a.m. The Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency (landfill) will be closed all day on Tuesday, July 4.

New Refuse Rates Take Effect July 1

Monthly rate -

35-gallon (40 lbs. max): \$15.11

Cart subscriptions -

64-gallon (224 lbs. max): \$20.65

96-gallon (324 lbs. max): \$29.00

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 563-589-4250 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/publicworks.

Annual Asphalt Overlay Program

The Public Works Department will pave 7.5 miles of city streets this summer. As part of the project, ADA curb ramps will be reconstructed as needed to meet federal guidelines. Street surfaces will then be ground down or “milled,” with the asphalt grindings recycled and blended into the new asphalt. For a list of streets scheduled for repaving this construction season, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/asphaltoverlay or call 563-589-4250. §

Police Equipped with Body-Worn Cameras

The Dubuque Police Department’s Body-Worn Camera (BWC) program, which issues a BWC to each officer, launched in January 2017. The BWCs were purchased through a combination of a federal grant and a 50 percent match through the City budget. Chief of Police Mark Dalsing said the cameras are valuable tools for gathering evidence, as well as providing a layer of security for both the community and officers. “While no system is perfect, video evidence will often eliminate perceptions and subjectivity as they show a fairly accurate representation of events as they occurred. We believe it will provide protection for community members and officers alike, as discrepancies in statements can be eliminated or confirmed with the videos.”



An internal policy outlines the wearing and use of BWCs, record retention and dissemination, and other facets of usage. During policy development, the department had several public input sessions, as well as legal review by the Dubuque County Attorney’s Office and the City Attorney’s Office. Further information on the BWC program, including the department policy for wearing and use, can be viewed at www.cityofdubuque.org/police. §

The Jule Expanding Evening Bus Service

Beginning August 14, The Jule will offer expanded hours Monday – Thursday until 9 p.m. to allow residents to work a variety of shifts, complete shopping trips after work, and attend community events including city council meetings. Further information, including routes and schedules, is forthcoming.

Annual Youth Pass Renewal

It’s almost time to renew your child’s Annual Youth Pass! Annual Youth Passes purchased during the 2016-2017 school year will expire

July 31, 2017. To continue receiving unlimited bus access after July 31, current cardholders must renew their Annual Youth Pass for the 2017-2018 school year. Annual Youth Pass renewals cost \$10.00 for youth ages 11 to 18 and are free for those 10 years and younger. Passes may be renewed at the Intermodal Transportation Center at 950 Elm St., Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., or at City Hall at 50 W. 13th St., Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Crescent Community Health Center News

Crescent Community Health Center (CCHC) invites patients and/or their family members to apply for the newly established Patient and Family Advisory Council. Members selected to serve will participate in monthly or bi-monthly discussions to ensure the focus of healthcare is centered on the patient and/or family experience. For more information, please contact Angela at 563-690-2884.

CCHC has also added a second dental services location at Stonehill Care Center at 3485 Windsor Ave. To schedule an appointment, call 563-690-2852. §



JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS!

National Night Out / MFC Movie Night

Tues., August 1, 6 p.m., Comiskey Park
Join the Police Department and MFC for a night of FREE food, fun, and community!

India Independence Day

Sat., August 12, 12 - 2 p.m., Steeple Square, 105 E. 15th St. FREE event; registration is required and space is limited. Enjoy authentic Indian food, music, henna, games, and more!

Details at www.mfcdubq.org or 563.589.3681

Summer Sustainability Fair

Saturday, July 29 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dubuque Rescue Mission Garden, 300 Iowa St.

FREE FAMILY FUN!

Interactive booths • lawn games
prizes • fresh-made pizza • workshops



Learn more about Annual Youth Passes at www.JuleTransit.org or by calling 563-589-4196. Like the “Jule Transit” on Facebook, follow @JuleTransit on Twitter, and sign up for NotifyMe alerts at www.cityofdubuque.org/NotifyMe. §



A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

Flexsteel has called Dubuque home since 1936. In September 2016, representatives of Flexsteel Industries, Inc. announced their intent to close their facility at 3400 Jackson Street in Dubuque, much of which was built in 1897, because it was inefficient and costly to maintain. At that time, Flexsteel expressed a desire to stay in Dubuque.

Over the course of the subsequent nine months, the City of Dubuque, Dubuque County, Dubuque Initiatives, Northeast Iowa Community College, Iowa Economic Development Authority, and Greater Dubuque Development Corporation worked with Flexsteel to develop a financing package that would allow the company to operate competitively and build a new production facility in Dubuque Industrial Center South on Seippel Road -- and to achieve the eventual redevelopment of the company's existing site at 3400 Jackson Street. A plan to achieve those goals was finalized and approved by all the parties involved in mid-May. A major reason this was possible was the successful collective bargaining agreement negotiation Flexsteel conducted with the company's three unions, including United Steelworkers Local 1861, Teamsters Local 120, and Operating Engineers Local 234.

On May 15, the Mayor and City Council approved a development agreement between the City of Dubuque and Flexsteel and a redevelopment project agreement between Flexsteel and the City and Dubuque Initiatives. In those agreements, Flexsteel's commitments include:

- Retaining a minimum of 200 positions.
- Purchasing from Dubuque County 22 usable acres in Dubuque Industrial Center South.
- Constructing a facility of not less than 250,000 sq. ft. at an estimated cost of

\$25 million.

- Donating the former company facility and the approximate 43 acres at 3400 Jackson Street to Dubuque Initiatives for demolition and then redevelopment.
- Funding an escrow account of \$2,660,000, which will be used by Dubuque Initiatives for demolition and environmental remediation cost, related to the structures at the Jackson Street site.
- Agreeing to hold harmless and indemnify Dubuque Initiatives and the City of Dubuque from any environmental remediation costs, such as soil and water.

Dubuque Initiatives' commitments include:

- Accepting ownership of the 43-acre site at 3400 Jackson Street.
- Demolishing all structures and conducting any necessary remediation of the structures as soon as possible after the transfer of title to the property.
- Applying for federal and state grants to assist with the funding of environmental remediation.
- Marketing the site for light industrial redevelopment, with the net proceeds from any sale going 50 percent to Dubuque County, 17 percent to the City of Dubuque and the remainder to Dubuque Initiatives.

Dubuque County's commitments include:

- Purchasing two parcels from the City of Dubuque: 22 usable acres in Dubuque Industrial Center South and 3.8 usable acres in Dubuque Industrial Center West for \$3,320,000.
- The 22-acre parcel will subsequently be sold to Flexsteel as the location for the new facility.
- The 3.8-acre parcel will be retained by Dubuque County for use as a site for

future Dubuque County facilities or as an economic development parcel.

The Iowa Economic Development Authority is providing a \$1,000,000 forgivable loan for the demolition and environmental remediation of 3400 Jackson Street, providing an Investment Tax Credit estimated at \$293,200, and providing a Sales, Services and Use Tax Refund estimated at \$750,000.

Northeast Iowa Community College committed to Workforce Training and Economic Development funding (estimated at \$100,000) for training existing Flexsteel employees.

The City of Dubuque's commitments include:

- Selling the two parcels of property totaling 25.8 acres to Dubuque County for a total purchase price of \$3,320,000, paid by Dubuque County from the process of a subsequent sale of 22 acres to Flexsteel, with the balance due paid over seven years.
- Providing Flexsteel 10 years of Tax Increment Financing rebates for property taxes paid on the new facilities in Dubuque Industrial Center South, with an estimated value of \$4.1 million in rebates.
- While the City will retain \$660,000 of the \$3,320,000 industrial park land sale price, \$660,000 will be provided to assist with demolition of the buildings at the current Flexsteel site, 3400 Jackson St. The additional \$2,000,000 of the sale price will be paid by Dubuque County to the City over a seven year period and provided to assist with demolition of buildings at 3400 Jackson St.

The total value of the local and state incentives package for Flexsteel is \$10,223,200. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to keep Flexsteel Industries, Inc.'s manufacturing operation in Dubuque and to save these 200 jobs, with special thanks to Flexsteel and the employees of Flexsteel. §



Do you enjoy working with kids and helping your community? Join AmeriCorps!

AmeriCorps Partners in Learning is recruiting community members to serve as Academic Reading Tutors during the 2017-2018 school year. Tutors are trained and work one on one or in small groups with struggling readers in K-3rd grade students in Dubuque Community Schools. AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance and education award for their service. If interested in becoming an Academic Reading Tutor, please contact Mary Bridget at 563-584-8644 or visit our website at www.cityofdubuque.org/ameriCorps.

Celebrate Summer!



**Beat the heat and
stop in for a treat!**

Hand-scooped ice cream coming in August!



Mardi Gras on the Mississippi

**4th Annual Boat Parade
Saturday, August 5
Music at 6 p.m., parade at 9 p.m.**

New Faces & Retirements

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

Timothy Bushman - Transit	Nathaniel Lech - Police
Shannon Clark - Public Works	Ethan Lembke - Police
Tyrone Crayton - Transit	Timmy McGinnis - Transit
Titus Fair - Transit	Robert Schultz - Parks
Grace Griffin - Emergency Communications	Casey Smith - Police
Amanda Koppes - City Manager's Office	Terry Mitchel - Public Works

The City of Dubuque congratulates these recent retirees:

Mike Basten - Public Works	Roger Loewen - Fire
Joe Breson - Public Works	Ken Massey - Public Works
Art Hedley - Public Works	Paul Schmitt - Public Works
Steve Jochum - Transit	

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new and reappointed board or commission members:

Civil Service Commission	Human Rights Commission
Daniel White	Jessica Perry

Community Development Advisory Commission	Mediacom Charitable Foundation
Lindsay James	Constance Twining

Electrical Code Board
James Dixon
Andy Palmer

Contact Information

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CALENDAR

July

- 4 City offices closed for Independence Day (Curbside collection on Sat., July 1)
- 5 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 5 City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 5 Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 6 Resilient Community Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 10 Human Rights Commission, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex
- 10 City Council Work Sessions (2), 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 11 Park & Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Location TBD
- 11 Movie in Comiskey Park, approx. 8:30 p.m.
- 12 City-wide Playground Carnival, 6-8 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park
- 13 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Intermodal Conference Room
- 17 City Council, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 18 Housing Board of Appeals, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 19 Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 19 Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 19 Assisted Housing Resident Advisory Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 19 Bee Branch Creek Greenway Ribbon-Cutting and Opening Celebration, amphitheater, 533 Lincoln Ave. (near Audubon Elementary) 4 p.m. Food & activities.
- 19 Water Carnival, ages 5-14, Flora Pool, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 24 Airport Commission 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center
- 25 Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 25 Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library
- 26 Investment Oversight Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., Conf. Rm. A, City Hall
- 26 City-wide Dodgeball Tournament, ages 8-14, 6:30 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park
- 27 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room
- 27 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 31 Civic Center Commission, 3:30 p.m., Five Flags Civic Center

August

- 1 National Night Out, Comiskey Park, 6-8 p.m.
- 1 Movie in Comiskey Park, approx. 8:30 p.m.
- 2 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 2 Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 3 Resilient Community Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 5 Lighted Boat Parade, Port of Dubuque Marina, approx. 9 p.m.
- 7 City Council, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
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- 11 Tentative final day for swimming at Sutton Pool
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